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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is incurring huge losses and reduction of ridership due to parallel bus routes;

(b) if so, the details and the action taken by the DMRC thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the profits and the efficiency of DMRC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): Public transport services in a city have to be looked at as integrated systems and not as separate systems provided by different operators. Some extent of parallel running between different operators cannot, therefore, be avoided. However, with a view to enhance the ridership and the earnings of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that
(i) it has created 65 dedicated Metro Feeder Routes and
(ii) issued 356 permits for operation of Rural Transport Vehicles (RTVs) on these routes. Besides this, a large number of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and State Transport Authority (STA) buses operating on bus routes that pass close to various metro stations also serve a feeder purpose to the DMRC.